

IN THE CLAIMS

1-13. (cancelled)

14. (currently amended) A software program storage medium ~~for storing a software program provided to~~ for use by a user, comprising:

a portion having a software program stored therein;
and

a recordable portion, and having user's access authorization data which includes information pertaining to a license involving said software program ~~and said software program are recorded in said recordable portion of said storage medium,~~

wherein said software program storage medium is a one of a compact disc, a digital versatile disc, a magneto-optical disc, or a semi-conductor memory type portable storage medium so that said software program and said user's access authorization data are stored on the portable storage medium.

15. (currently amended) The software program storage medium according to claim 14, wherein said portion having said software program is ~~storage medium further comprises~~ a read-only ~~portion for storing said software program.~~

16. (currently amended) The software program storage medium according to claim 14, wherein said user's access authorization data ~~comprises~~ includes user information for specifying said user and said user's access environment, and payment information related to payment of fees to a holder of rights in the software program.

17. (previously presented) The software program storage medium according to claim 14, wherein said recordable

portion comprises a write-once portion, and said user's access authorization data is recorded in said write-once portion of said storage medium.

18. (currently amended) A software program rights management system for managing rights to access a software program provided to a user in a storage medium, comprising:

access authorization issuing means for issuing a user's access authorization data which includes information pertaining to a license involving said software program;

storage management means for storing said user's access authorization data; and

data communication means for binding said access authorization issuing means with said storage management means, wherein said storage medium is one of a compact disc, a digital versatile disc, a magneto-optical disc, or a semiconductor memory type portable storage medium, and

wherein said user's access authorization data and said software program are recorded in said the portable storage medium and said storage medium is portable.

19. (previously presented) The software program rights management system according to claim 18, wherein said user's access authorization data includes user information for specifying a user and said user's access environment, and payment information related to payment of fees to a holder of rights in the software program.

20. (currently amended) A management method for managing rights to use a software program provided to a user, comprising the steps of:

storing a software program onto a portion of a storage medium~~provided to a user~~; and

storing ~~said~~ user's access authorization data ~~and said software program~~ into a recordable portion of the a software program storage medium having the recordable portion, said user's access authorization data including information pertaining to a license involving said software program,
wherein said storage medium is one of a compact disc, a digital versatile disc, a magneto-optical disc, or a semi-conductor memory type portable storage medium, and
wherein said software program and said user's access authorization data are recorded in the portable storage medium ~~is a portable storage medium.~~

21. (currently amended) The method for software program access management according to claim 20, further comprising the step of storing a user's access authorization data into a database formed with said recordable portion of said ~~software program portable~~ storage medium.

22. (previously presented) The method for software program access management according to claim 20, wherein said user access authorization data includes user information for specifying a user and said user access environment and payment information related to payment of fees to a holder of rights in the software program.